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I beg also to add that a penal provision has been inserted to be enforced against people who refuse to hand over property. I hope the House will adopt the motion."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" The Hon. Minister has been very nice in nominating three members from this side of the House, members who are quite competent and would be of great help in the Select Committee."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Mr. Deputy President, I am very glad that a Bill of this sort has been brought before the House. I am sorry that the principle enunciated has not been extended to local bodies. From the year 1942, I know a number of institutions have alienated their property for nominal sums and they are being enjoyed by payment of nominal sums. These cases also should be brought under the scope of the Bill."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Regarding properties of local bodies, I fear it may not apply. To begin with, the Bill has been drafted so as to cover educational institutions and may be extended so as to cover medical and other institutions for which capital grants are made by Government."

The motion was put and carried.

(3) THE MADRAS RE-ENACTING AND REPEALING BILLS (NOS. I AND II), 1948 (L.A. BILL NOS. 3 AND 6 OF 1948).

* THE HON SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I move—

'*that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of* 18 *members* (12 *members from the Assembly and* 6 *members from the Council*) *to consider the Madras Re-enacting and Repealing* (*No. I*) *Bill*, 1948, *and that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee.*'

" There is another motion standing in the Home Minister's name (item 5 in the agenda) and I beg that I may also be permitted to make the motion. The idea of the Home Minister was that the Joint Select Committee for both the Bills may be the same.

" I move that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of 18 members (12 members from the Assembly and 6 from the Council) to consider the Madras Re-enacting and Repealing (No. II Bill), 1948 and that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee.

" You remember that during the Advisers' regime, there were no legislatures and the Governor was exercising the powers of legislation under section 93 of the Government of India Act and he passed various acts and they will cease to have any force after two years after the closing of the section 93 regime. Such of those bills as require to be re-enacted have to re-enacted, those to

be re-enacted with modifications to suit present days conditions, have to be re-enacted with suitable modifications and there are yet others which have to be repealed, being not necessary. The first schedule contains Acts which have to be re-enacted as they are, the second contains Acts which have to be re-enacted with certain modifications consistent with have the change in times and the third contains Acts which have to be repealed altogether. They are not controversial measures but are necessary in the day-to-day working of Government. The names of members have been originally given as—

Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu,

K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur,

The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon,

Sri B. Bhima Rao,

Mr. M. Narayana Menon, and

Sri M. K. Sundararaman.

Mr. Narayanaswami Nayudu has told me that he may not be able to attend. In his place I would suggest that Mr. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar would be available and he may be in the Select Committee.

" Mr. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar says that Mr. Suryanarayana Rao may be in the Select Committee and I also suggest that he might be there as he will be easily available."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Instead of my name, I suggest the name of Sankara Reddi may be put in."

It was agreed to.

The motion was agreed, the following members to be nominated to the Joint Select Committee :—

(1) Sri N. Sankara Reddi.

(2) ,, R. Suryanarayana Rao.

(3) K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.

(4) The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.

(5) Sri M. Narayana Menon.

(6) ,, M. R. Sundararaman.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to make a small announcement. A sum of Rs. 12 was found on the floor of the veranda of the Assembly at 12-30 to-day. Any member who might have lost it may claim it from the office."

(4) THE MADRAS AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 1948).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Mr. Deputy President, I move—

' *that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of 18 members (12 members from the Assembly and 6 members from the*